

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 20, 2016

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 13, 2016

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 11, 2016

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 18, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2579**

---

### Introduced by Assembly Member Low

February 19, 2016

---

An act to add Section 40512 to the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2579, as amended, Low. ~~Food service packaging products: study. Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery: waste characterization study: food service packaging.~~

*Existing law establishes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to administer the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, and authorizes the department to hold hearings and conduct investigations in any part of the state necessary to carry out its powers and duties.*

*This bill would require the department, in the next regularly scheduled waste characterization study conducted by the department, to include specified information relating to food service packaging waste management.*

~~The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, regulates the disposal, management, and recycling of solid waste.~~

~~This bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2018, to complete a study to establish baseline data relating to food service packaging that contains specified information, including the current and potential markets for recycled and composted food service packaging products.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 40512 is added to the Public Resources  
2     Code, to read:

3     40512. (a) In the next regularly scheduled waste  
4     characterization study conducted by the department on or after  
5     January 1, 2017, the department shall include all of the following  
6     information:

7     (1) The amount of food service packaging, by material type,  
8     used in California and the disposition of the products, including  
9     the percentages recycled, composted, and disposed and an estimate  
10    of the percentage littered.

11    (2) The facilities located in the state that accept food service  
12    packaging for recycling or composting, the cities those facilities  
13    serve, and the infrastructure needed to increase the recycling rate  
14    to reach California's statewide recycling goal of 75 percent and  
15    reduce litter.

16    (3) The current and potential markets for recycled and  
17    composted food service packaging products.

18    (4) Barriers to the increased recycling and composting of food  
19    service packaging and steps that may be taken to remove those  
20    barriers.

21    (b) For purposes of this section, "food service packaging"  
22    means single-use packaging products used by food service  
23    providers for their customers for food that is prepared onsite.

24    SECTION 1. ~~(a) For purposes of this section, "food service~~  
25    ~~packaging" means single-use packaging products used by food~~  
26    ~~service providers for their customers for food that is prepared~~  
27    ~~onsite.~~

28    ~~(b) On or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Resources~~  
29    ~~Recycling and Recovery shall complete a study to establish~~  
30    ~~baseline data relating to food service packaging.~~

1     ~~(e) The study required pursuant to subdivision (b) shall contain~~  
2     ~~all of the following information:~~

3     ~~(1) The amount of food service packaging, by material type,~~  
4     ~~used in California and the disposition of the products, including~~  
5     ~~the percentages recycled, composted, and disposed and an estimate~~  
6     ~~of the percentage littered.~~

7     ~~(2) The facilities located in the state that accept food service~~  
8     ~~packaging for recycling or composting, the cities those facilities~~  
9     ~~serve, and the infrastructure needed to increase the recycling rate~~  
10    ~~to reach California's statewide recycling goal of 75 percent and~~  
11    ~~reduce litter.~~

12    ~~(3) The current and potential markets for recycled and~~  
13    ~~composted food service packaging products.~~

14    ~~(4) Barriers to the increased recycling and composting of food~~  
15    ~~service packaging and steps that may be taken to remove those~~  
16    ~~barriers.~~